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TAGS: PEPR, PINT, UR, US
SUBJECT: MFA REJECTS CONGRESSMAN'S LETTER TO BREZHNEV

REF: 77 MOSCOW 5171

1. EMBASSY MAY 24 RECEIVED A LETTER FROM THE MFA
REJECTING AND RETURNING A LETTER FROM CONGRESSMAN FRANK
THOMPSON TO BREZHNEV REGARDING THE SHCHARANSKIY CASE.
EMBASSY SENT CONGRESSMAN'S LETTER TO MFA USA DIVISION
UNDER COVER OF A NON-SUBSTANTIVE TRANSMITTAL LETTER
SIGNED BY POLITICAL COUNSELOR.

2. MFA'S BRIEF LETTER, DATED MAY 23 AND SIGNED BY USA
DIVISION DEPUTY DIRECTOR SOKOLOV, STATES "I CANNOT BUT
EXPRESS PERPLEXITY AT THE EMBASSY'S CONTINUING PRACTICE
OF TRANSMITTING SUCH LETTERS, DESPITE THE FACT THAT OUR
ATTITUDE TOWARD THEM WAS CLEARLY SET FORTH IN A LETTER
TO YOU OF APRIL 14, 1977 FROM DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE
USA DIVISION K. G. FEDOSEYEV." FEDOSEYEV LETTER TO
WHICH SOKOLOV REFERS, REPORTED REFTEL, REJECTED TWO
CONGRESSIONAL LETTERS TO BREZHNEV ON REFUSENIK CASES
ON GROUNDS THAT LETTERS CONTAINED "CRUDE FABRICATIONS
AND IMPUDENT SLANDER" AND THAT LETTERS DEALT WITH
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DEPARTURE OF SOVIET CITIZENS TO A COUNTRY OTHER THAN USA
AND THUS SHOULD NOT "BE THE SUBJECT OF SOVIET-AMERICAN
CONTACTS."

3. CONGRESSMAN THOMPSON'S LETTER, AND COPY OF SOKOLOV
LETTER, BEING POUCHED TO EUR/SOV. MATLOCK

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Message Attributes

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